

facilities for the railway traffic in industrially backward states during the last three years;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the implementation of railway expansion scheme in Rajasthan.

(c) whether the Government propose to link district head-quarters by railway line; and

(d) if so, by what time?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS**  
(SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Conversion works of Phulera-Bikaner-Lalgarh, Merta Road-Jodhpur, Bhildi-Samdari and Sawaimadhopur-Jaipur and construction of parallel BG lines from Samdari to Jodhpur and from Jaipur to Phulera have been taken up.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

### **Construction work of Ratlam Division**

**\*313. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made and targets achieved in regard to the construction works in Ratlam Division of Western Railway in the context of Kumbha "Singhashta" to be held in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh in April, 1992.

(b) whether the facilities of inquiry, retiring rooms etc. are available at the platform of Nagda Junction in Ratlam Division; and

(c) whether the work programme has been formulated for Nagda Mandi and Birla Gram for the independent development of Nagda Railway Station?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS**  
(SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) In connection with 'Singhashta Fair' to be held at Ujjain in April 1992, following works have been taken in hand at Ujjain on Ratlam Division of Western Railway:—

<i>Sl.</i>	<i>Name of work</i>	<i>Progress</i>
1.	Facilities in connection with Singhashta Fair—providing new station building with waiting hall, booking and reservation Office . . . . .	5%
2.	Provision of Pilgrims platform additional foot-over bridge, extension to cover over platforms and circulating area . . . . .	15%
3.	Provision of a 50-bedded rail yatri niwas . . . . .	45%

These works are in various stages of progress and will be completed before the Singhashta Fair.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Works regarding provision of waiting shed, booking office and improvement to circulating area have already been completed on Birla Gram side of Nagda Station. Adequate facilities already exist on the Nagda Mandi side of the Nagda Station.

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### **Suburban Services to Calcutta and Howrah**

**\*315. SHRI AMAL DATTA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed the need for additional rakes/coaches for increasing the suburban services to Calcutta and Howrah;